

# The Jupiter Laser Facility



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# Jupiter is a multi-platform intermediate-scale facility for HED science



## Mission

- Expand the frontiers of high energy-density laboratory science
- Support high energy-density science at LLNL in multiple programs
- Support, collaborate with, and expand the broader HED physics community
- Help train and recruit future scientific workforce

## Approach

- Office-of-Science-style user facility at which laser time is provided free-of charge and apportioned through an open, competitive peer-review process
- Provide significantly more laboratory user access and greater flexibility than large-scale laser facilities
- Provide a variety of platforms capable of front-rank HED science for different classes of experiments
- Provide the infrastructure to safely support multiple users with a range of experience levels
- Fill an important gap between university-scale and programmatic-scale facilities

# A brief history of the Facility

## Early days:

- Building dates to 1957: Rover and Pluto rocket projects.
- Janus started as a one-beam laser (1974) and two-Beam (1975) ICF Laser
- Physics directorate “leased” from the Y-Program (Lasers) starting ~1988
- Reconfigured with some Shiva parts (briefly called Phoenix) 1989

## Early laser system milestones credited to the Physics Directorate:

- USP: 10 TW ultrashort pulse laser (now called Europa) 1995
- COMET: tabletop x-ray laser demonstrated 1997
- JanUSP: 100 TW  $\rightarrow 10^{21}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup> (now called Callisto) 1999

## Institutional investments :

- Phase I upgrade: 1 kJ x 2, TA1 upgrades 2000 - 2003
- Phase II upgrade: Titan petawatt class & LP upgrades 2003 - 2005





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Callisto



Titan



Janus



COMET



Laser Bay



Europa



Setup Room



Target Fab



Expanding High Energy-Density Science



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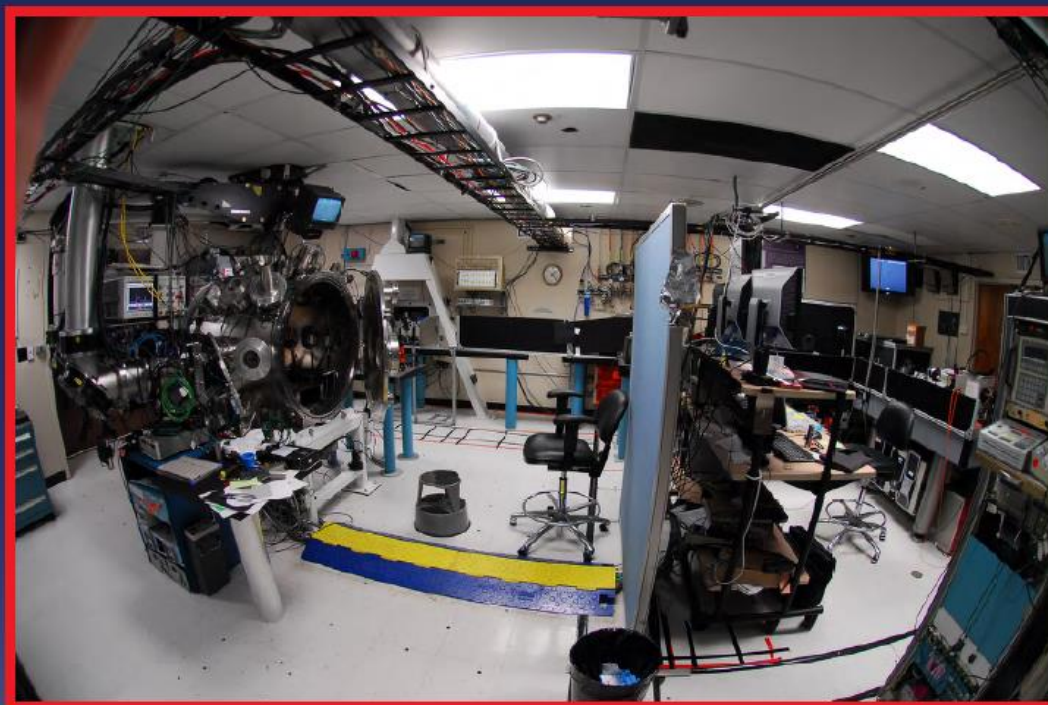
## Janus Laser



Two independent long-pulse (ns) 1-kJ beams

Both East and West beams have  
the following capabilities

$\lambda$	1053 nm	527 nm
Pulse	0.35-20 ns	0.35-20 ns
Energy	Up to 1 kJ	Up to 500 J
Best Focus/ Phase Plates	20 $\mu\text{m}$ / 200-1000 $\mu\text{m}$	20 $\mu\text{m}$ / 200-1000 $\mu\text{m}$
Rep Rate	2/hr	2/hr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Short-pulse 50-mJ probe available</li><li>- Beam synch continuously variable; 50 ps jitter</li><li>- VISAR and SOP are permanent diagnostics</li></ul>		



Target chamber accepts multiple beam positions





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## Titan Laser



Combined long-pulse 1-kJ and short-pulse PW-class beams



	Long-Pulse Beam		Short-Pulse Beam	
$\lambda$	1053 nm	527 nm	1053 nm	527 nm
Pulse	0.35-20 ns	0.35-20 ns	0.7-200 ps	0.7-200 ps
Energy	Up to 1 kJ	Up to 500 J	Up to 300 J	Up to 50 J
Best Focus/ Phase Plates	20 $\mu\text{m}$ / 200-1000 $\mu\text{m}$	20 $\mu\text{m}$ / 200-1000 $\mu\text{m}$	8 $\mu\text{m}$	8 $\mu\text{m}$
Rep Rate	2/hr	2/hr	2/hr	2/hr



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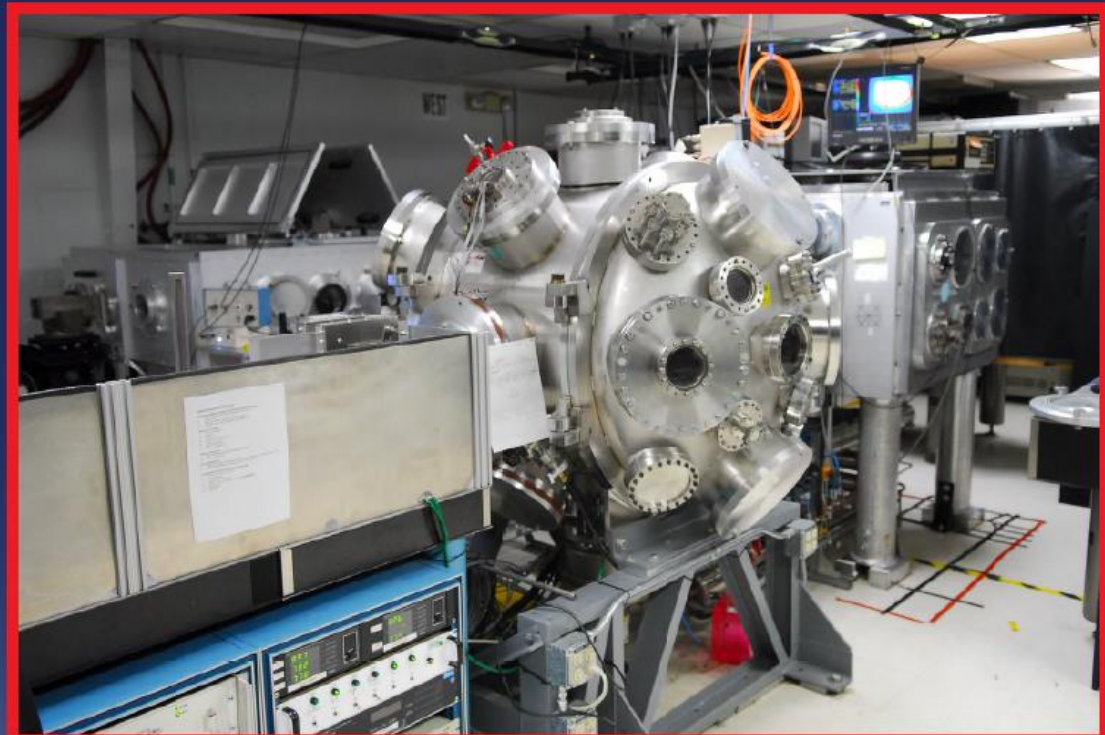
## Callisto Laser



**Sub-100-fs laser capable of 200 TW in single-shot mode**

### Capabilities

Mode	High Rep	Single-Shot
$\lambda$	800 nm	800 nm
Pulse	60 fs	60 fs
Energy	120 mJ	12 J
Best Focus	5 $\mu$ m	5 $\mu$ m
Rep Rate	10 Hz	2/hr
– 5-mJ, 60-fs probe available		



**Two available target chambers**





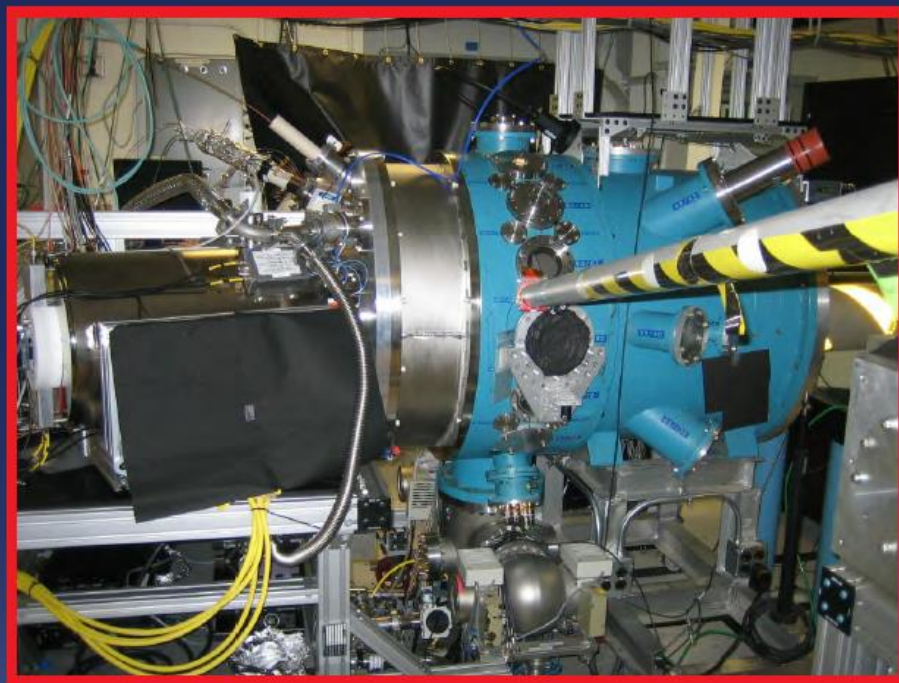
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## COMET Laser



### COmpact MultipulsE Terawatt - a versatile multibeam system

Capabilities			
Beam #	1	2	5
$\lambda$	1053/527 nm	1053/527 nm	1053/527 nm
Pulse	0.5-260 ps	750 ps	0.5-6 ns
Energy	15/8 J	10/20 J	20/10 J
Best Focus	7×10 $\mu$ m	2× Diff Limit	2× Diff Limit
Rep Rate	15/hr	15/hr	15/hr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Two additional long-pulse/short-pulse lines (Beams 3 and 4) available</li><li>- Beams 1-4 can be operated simultaneously</li></ul>			



COMET can operate several beams concurrently  
with a 4-minute cycle time between shots





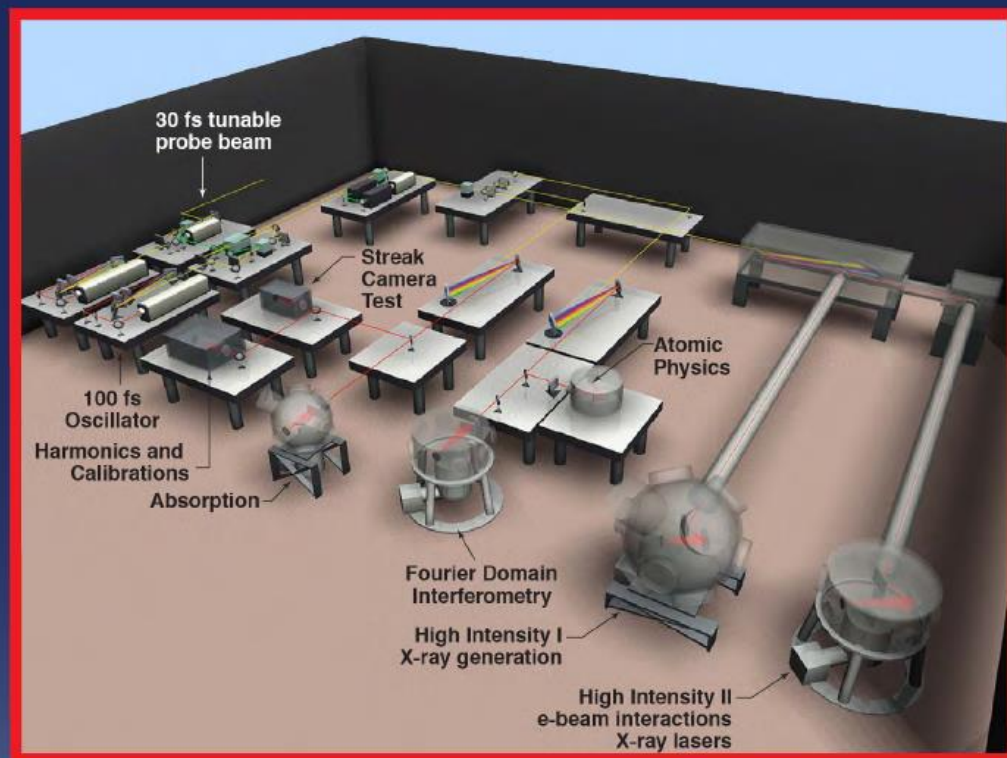
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## Europa Laser



### 20-mJ 120-fs, 10-Hz Ti:Sapphire system

Capabilities		
$\lambda$	800 nm	400 nm
Pulse	120 fs	100 fs
Energy	20 mJ	6 mJ
Best Focus	3× Diff Limit	3× Diff Limit
Rep Rate	10 Hz	10 Hz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Pulses can be multiplexed</li> <li>– Multiple target chambers</li> </ul>		



Europa is a well-equipped system especially suitable for configuration tests and training

# Significant events in the past 10 years

**Transitioned to a LLNL user facility 2003 – 2005 (post Phase I upgrades):**

- **Beam time divided between LLNL Directorate programs for:**
  - **Stockpile Stewardship**
  - **Material sciences**
  - **Fusion research**
  - **High energy-density plasma physics**
- **While Phase II (Titan) was being built out**

**2005 - 2008 Jupiter was operated as a user facility – 44 weeks a year:**

- **2005 Re-naming of facility and platforms**
- **2006 Became a Strategic Mission Support Facility – Aurora Initiative**
- **Ever increasing university and international laboratory collaborations**

**Since 2008 – An open international competition for JLF experiment access:**

- **The facility has always been provided free of charge to users**
- **Infrastructure to handle multiple users with different experience levels**
- **JLF is thought by some to be a proof of principle user facility**



# JLF has the infrastructure to handle many and varied users who perform experiments

- Facility time allocated based on proposals presented to a technical review committee
  - based on scientific merit, impact, and feasibility
- Users must be formally registered by the JLF
  - laser eye exam, safety courses, policy briefing, safety briefings & orientations
- Special provisions for students
  - line-of-sight supervision; work unsupervised with 3 months' experience and a petition to JLF staff
- Lead experimentalists must be experienced
- Work performed under LLNL ES&H Manual regs using Integrated Safety Management processes (IWSs, Work Control, operational procedures, close contact with Safety Team members)
- Experiments reviewed for readiness and teams are debriefed on interactions

January 2010

## **JUPITER LASER FACILITY POLICIES AND CONDUCT FOR USERS**

Policies and Conduct for Users is a set of guidelines and procedures that ensure operational safety and security in the Jupiter User Program.

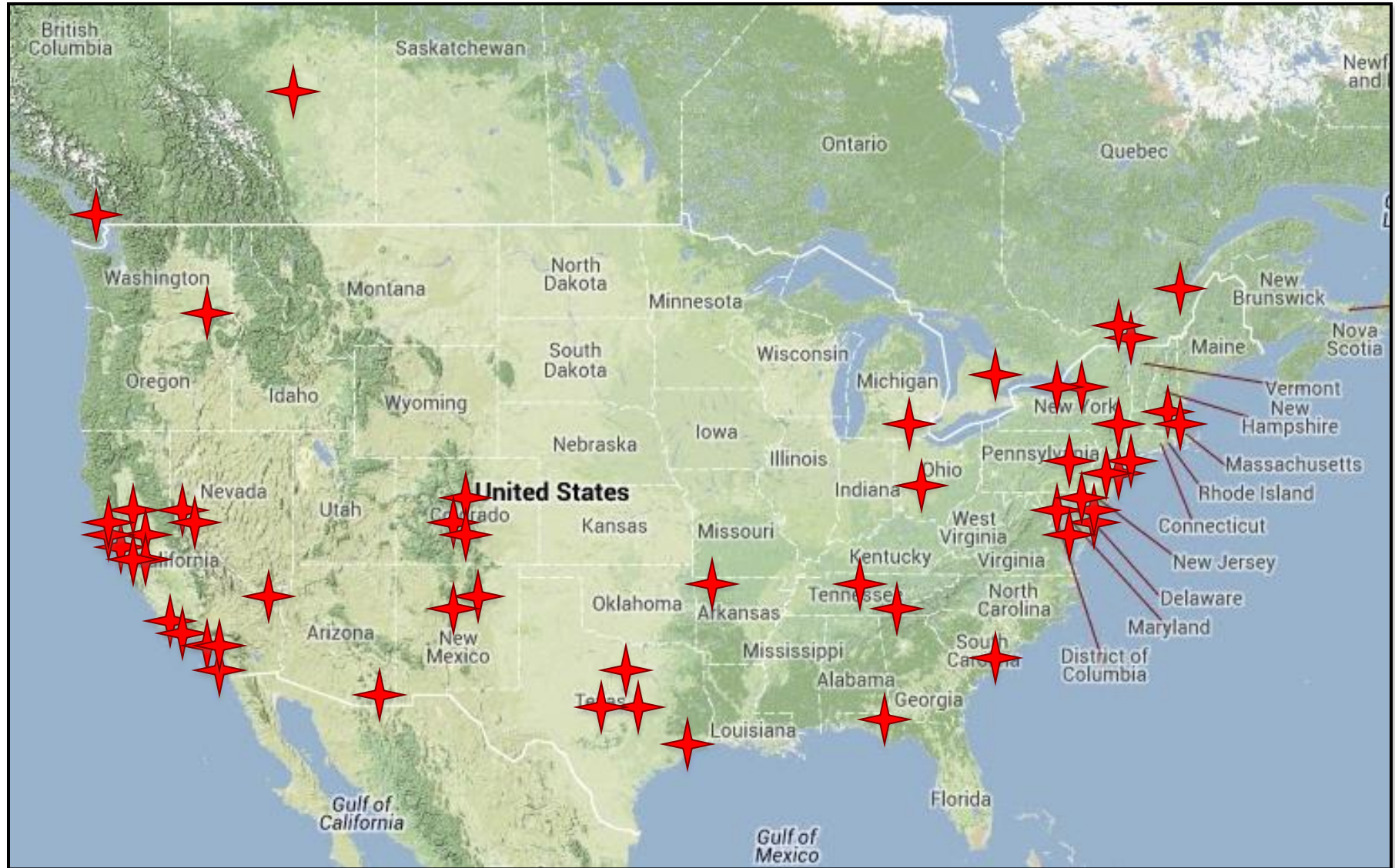
The target areas contain a variety of potentially hazardous ultra-violet, visible and infrared lasers. Due to the complexity and scale of laser beam paths, some beams are not enclosed. Heavy reliance is placed on engineering and administrative control, and the use of proper laser protective eyewear.

Other potential hazards in the target areas may include ionizing radiation, inert gas, high voltage, high pressure, fire, as well as mechanical and electrical devices.

Guidance and advice on LLNL safety procedures and hazard controls can be obtained from JLF management or Sean Hogue, Hazard Control Environmental Safety & Health.

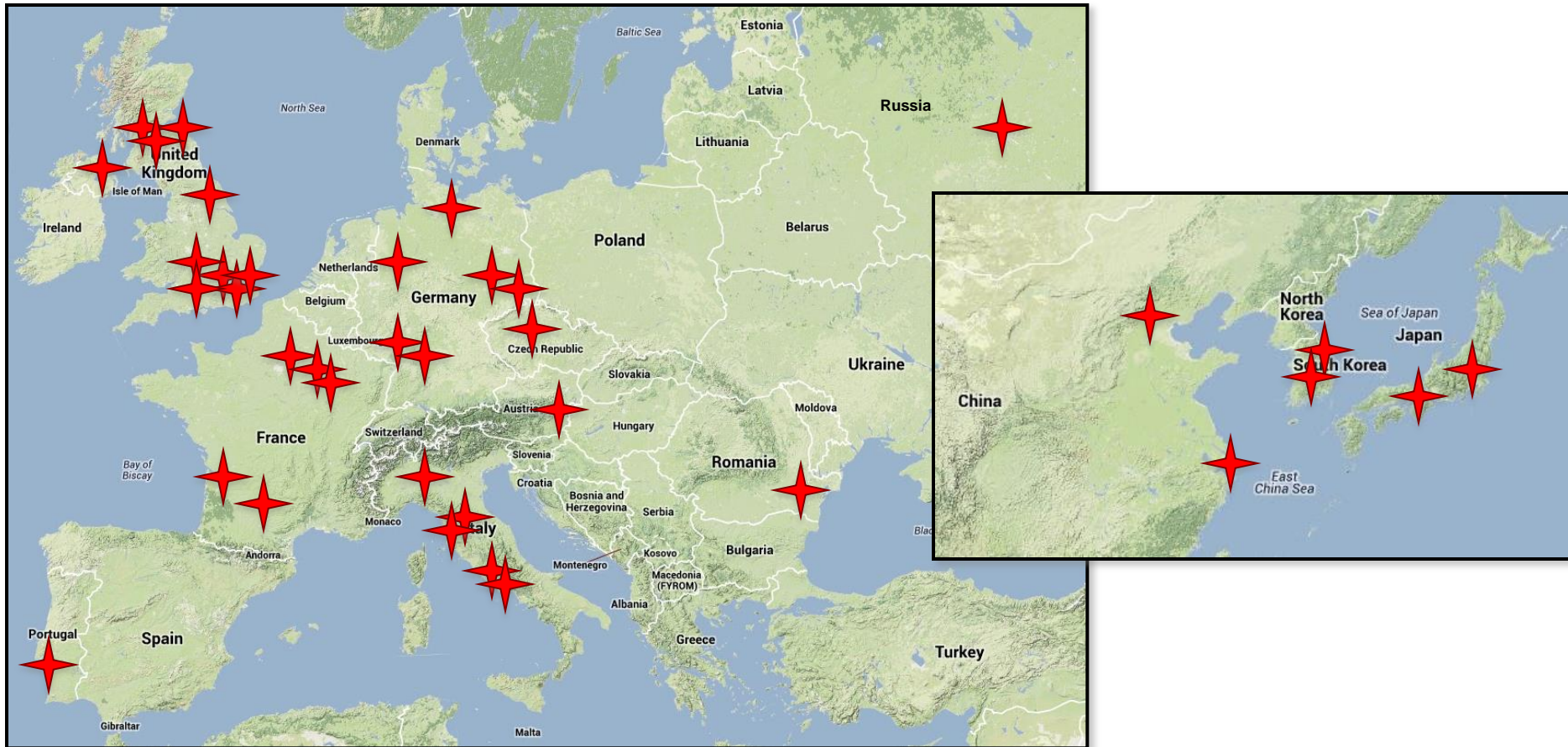
- I. Procedures for User Experiments
- II. Management of User Experiments
- III. Registration of Participants
  - Safety Standards
  - Qualifications
- IV. Conduct
  - Guidelines for users
  - Non-US citizens
  - Students
- V. Facility Contacts and Forms

# Jupiter users come from academic institutions and laboratories in the US and Canada,

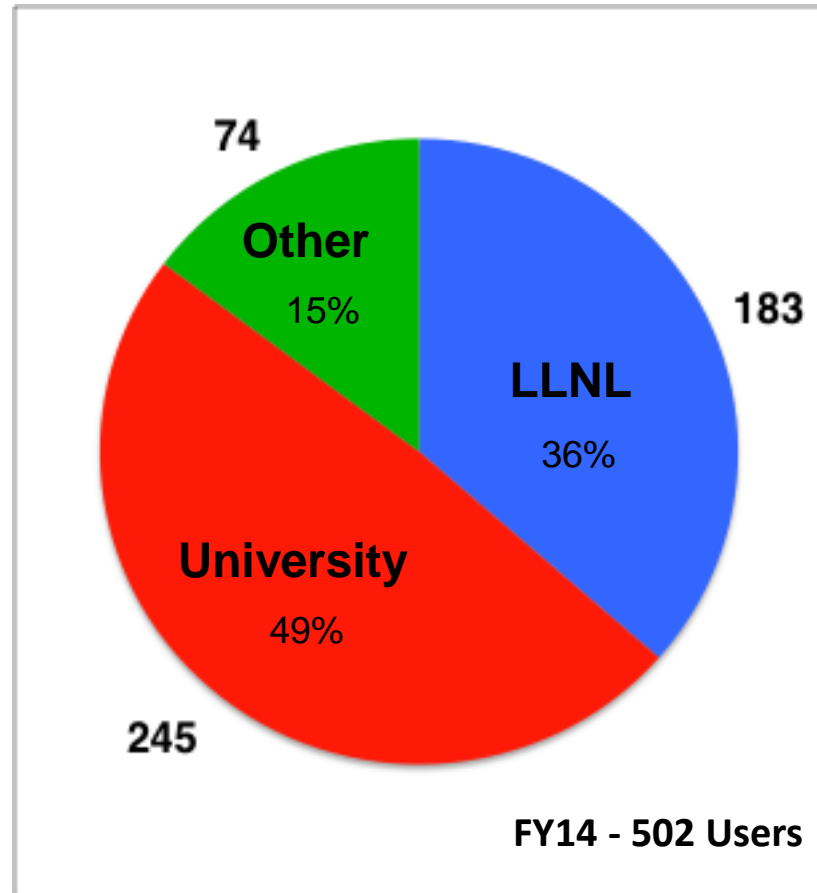
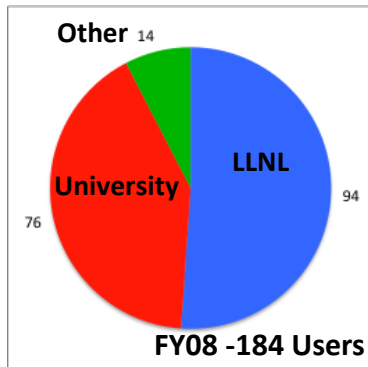




as well as in Europe and Asia



# Number of active JLF users has significantly increased since becoming an open user facility





# A number of institutions and organizations involved in HED science have active JLF users

## LLNL

Engineering  
NIF  
PLS  
WCI

Colorado St  
Columbia  
Florida A&M  
Harvard  
MIT  
Merchant Marine Acad  
Ohio State  
Princeton  
Rice  
South Carolina State  
Stanford  
Texas A&M  
U Arizona  
U Arkansas  
UC-Berkeley  
UC-Davis  
UCLA  
UC-San Diego  
UC-Santa Barbara  
U Colorado  
U Maryland  
U Michigan  
U Nevada Las Vegas  
U Nevada Reno  
U Pennsylvania  
U Rochester  
U South  
U Texas  
Vanderbilt  
Washington State  
West Point

Academy Science Czech  
Chinese Academy of Sciences  
Ecole Polytechnique  
Gwangju IST  
Heinrich-Heine U  
Imperial College  
INRS - Montreal  
IST Lisbon  
McGill U  
Nat Inst Nucl Phys Italy  
Osaka U  
Queen's U Belfast  
Russian Academy of Sciences  
Shanghai Jiao Tong U  
Tech U Darmstadt  
Tech U Dresden  
U Alberta  
U Bordeaux/CELIA  
U British Columbia  
U Edinburgh  
U Glasgow  
U Jena  
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U Paris  
U Pisa  
U Quebec  
U Rome  
U Strathclyde  
U Toronto  
U York  
Vienna U Tech

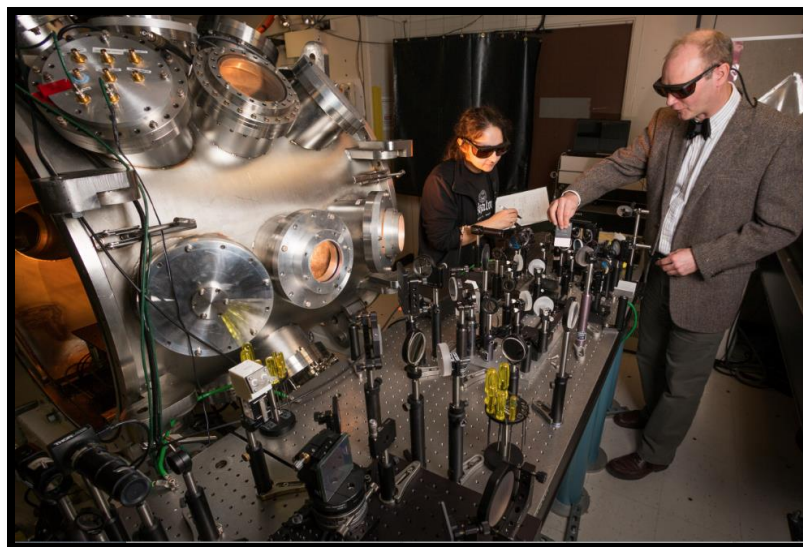
## Other Institutions

ARFL	AWE
Carnegie Inst	CEA
DTRA	CNR/Pisa
Ecopulse	DESY
EMC	GSi
GA	LNCMI Toulouse
LANL	JAEA Japan
LBL	KAERI Korea
LLE	Kentech
NIST	RAL
NRL	Rom Inst Phys & NE
NSTec	
NTF	
SLAC	

# Most PhD students stay in the HED community; many stay at LLNL

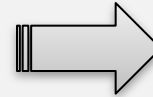
PhD Student	School	Grad Year	Employment
Matthew Allen	UC – Berkeley	2004	Staff Sandia/ABQ; 2007 intern House DHS Committee
Tommy Ao	U British Columbia	2004	Staff Sandia/ABQ
Jim King	UC – Davis	2006	Ohio State, sited at LLNL
Kramer Akli	UC – Davis	2006	Staff GA; 2010 Ohio State U
Gillis Dyer	U Texas – Austin	2007	Staff U Texas – Austin
Jorge Filevich	Colorado State	2007	Postdoc Colorado State; 2010 Industry
Alessandra Ravasio	Ecole Polytechnique	2007	Research staff CNRS
Dan Hey	UC – Davis	2007	Postdoc LLNL/NIF; 2010 Industry
Dustin Offerman	Ohio State U	2008	Postdoc LANL; 2012 consultant
Andrew Higgenbotham	Oxford	2009	Lecturer Oxford
Despina Milathianaki	U Texas – Austin	2009	Postdoc LLNL; 2011 Staff SLAC
Benjamin Barbrel	Ecole Polytechnique	2009	Staff CEA, sited at SLAC
Stewart McWilliams	UC – Berkeley	2009	Staff Carnegie Inst Washington
Sophia Chen	UC – San Diego	2009	Postdoc LLNL/PLS; 2011 NSF Postdoc
Cliff Chen	MIT	2009	Postdoc LLNL/PLS
Andrea Kritcher	UC – Berkeley	2009	Lawrence Fellow, 2012, Staff LLNL/NIF
Joe Ralph	UC – Los Angeles	2009	Staff LLNL/NIF
Tammy Ma	UC – San Diego	2010	Postdoc LLNL/NIF
Steven Ross	UC – San Diego	2010	Postdoc LLNL/NIF
Art Pak	UC – Los Angeles	2010	Postdoc LLNL/NIF
Nathan Kugland	UC – Los Angeles	2010	Postdoc LLNL/NIF; 2013 Industry
Tony Link	Ohio State U	2010	Postdoc LLNL/PLS
Dylan Spaulding	UC – Berkeley	2010	Postdoc CEA; 2012 Postdoc Harvard
Tyan-lin Wang	UC – Los Angeles	2010	Industry
Andrew Collette	UC – Los Angeles	2010	Postdoc U Colorado
Frederic Perez	Ecole Polytechnique	2011	Postdoc LLNL/PLS
Erik Shipton	UC – San Diego	2011	Staff General Atomics
Alexander Pelka	Tech U Darmstadt	2011	Postdoc Ecole Polytechnique
Ana Manic	Ecole Polytechnique	2011	Asst Professor U Nis, Serbia
Teresa Bartel	UC – San Diego	2011	Industry
Alex James	UC – San Diego	2011	Postdoc Princeton
Brad Pollock	UC – San Diego	2012	Lawrence Fellow LLNL/NIF
Drew Higginson	UC – San Diego	2012	Postdoc Ecole Polytechnique
Toshinori Yabuuchi	UC – San Diego	2012	Asst Professor Osaka U
Paul Davis	UC – Berkeley	2012	Postdoc UC Berkeley; FY14 Congressional Fellow
Matthew Suggit	Oxford	2012	Postdoc Oxford
Kelly Cone	UC – Davis	2012	Industry
Katerina Falk	Oxford	2012	Postdoc LANL
Richard Kraus	Harvard	2013	Lawrence Fellow LLNL/PLS
Maxence Gauthier	Ecole Polytechnique	2013	Postdoc offer LLNL
Emma McBride	U Edinburgh	2013	Postdoc DESY
Andrew Krygier	Ohio State U	2013	Postdoc Ohio State
Ian Bush	U York	2013	Postdoc Imperial College London
David Turnbull	Princeton	2013	Postdoc LLNL/NIF
Elijah Kemp	Ohio State U	2013	Postdoc LLNL/PLS
Dominik Kraus	TU Darmstadt	2013	Postdoc UC Berkeley
Franklin Dollar	U Michigan	2013	Postdoc U Col/JILA
Amadou Nourou	Ecole Polytechnique	2013	Lecturer U Abdou Moumouni, Niger
Sam Feldman	U Texas – Austin	2013	Industry
Brad Westover	UC – San Diego	2013	Finishing
Lee Elberson	U Maryland	2013	Finishing

- FY12: **95** student users of JLF
- FY13: **117** student users of JLF
- FY14: **130** student users of JLF
- **49 PhD's since 2009**
  - 18 became postdocs at LLNL including 3 Lawrence Fellows
- **2 more finishing**

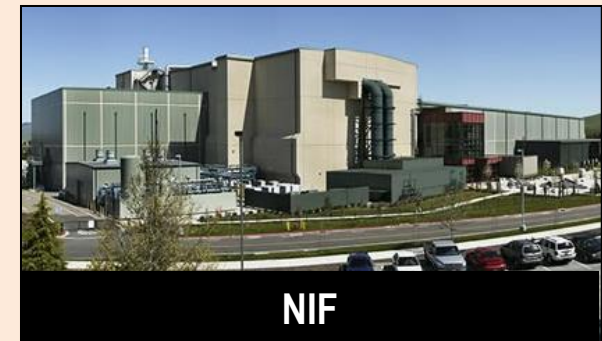
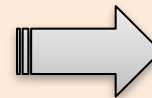


# Jupiter is a development and proving ground for experiments and diagnostics that stage to larger facilities

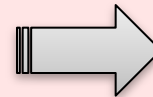
Chen (LLNL) – Positron Jets (Titan)  
Wark (Oxford) – Dynamic Deformation (Janus)  
Koenig (LULI) – WDM EOS (Titan)  
Multiple Users – Fast Ignition Studies, High-Pressure EOS,  
Thomson Scattering, X-ray Source Development,  
Detector Development



Chen (LLNL) – Pair Plasmas (Titan)  
Gregori (Oxford) – Collisionless Shocks (Titan)  
Falcone (UCB) – Thomson Scattering (Titan, Janus)  
Collins Group (LLNL) – Planetary Science, EOS (Janus)  
Lowry/Baker (LLNL) – Ultrafast Detectors (Callisto)  
NIF/NSTec/GA – X-ray Detector Qualification (COMET)



Hoarty (AWE) – High-Temperature  
Opacity/EOS (Titan)





# Jupiter has produced 122 peer-reviewed publications since 2008



## ARTICLE

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## Nanosecond white-light Laue diffraction measurements of dislocation microstructure in shock-compressed single-crystal copper

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## Shock vaporization of silica and the thermodynamics of planetary impact events

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We investigated various diagnostic include step-wedge filters, trans-scintillating detection. While n-filter that is sensitive to the en-500 keV that is clearly depart-annihilation radiation. © 2012 A

## An apparatus for the characterization of deuterium with inelastic

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## The principal shock

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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## Evidence for a Phase Transition in Silicate Melt at Extreme Pressure and Temperature Conditions

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Laser-driven shock compression experiments reveal the presence of a phase transition in MgSiO<sub>3</sub> over the pressure-temperature range 300–400 GPa and 10,000–16,000 K, with a positive Clapeyron slope and a volume change of  $-6.3 (\pm 2.0)$  percent. The observations are most readily interpreted as an abrupt liquid-liquid transition in a silicate composition representative of terrestrial planetary mantles, implying potentially significant consequences for the thermal-chemical evolution of extrasolar planetary interiors. In addition, the present results extend the Hugoniot equation of state of MgSiO<sub>3</sub> single crystal and glass to 950 GPa.

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

## Hot Electron Temperature and Coupling Efficiency Scaling with Prepulse for Cone-Guided Fast Ignition

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The effect of increasing prepulse energy levels on the energy spectrum and coupling into forward-going electrons is evaluated in a cone-guided fast-ignition relevant geometry using cone-wire targets irradiated with a high intensity ( $10^{20}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>) laser pulse. Hot electron temperature and flux are inferred from *K $\alpha$*  images and yields using hybrid particle-in-cell simulations. A two-temperature distribution of hot electrons was required to fit the full profile, with the ratio of energy in a higher energy (MeV) component increasing with a larger prepulse. As prepulse energies were increased from 8 mJ to 1 J, overall coupling from laser to all hot electrons entering the wire was found to fall from 8.4% to 2.5% while coupling into only the 1–3 MeV electrons dropped from 0.57% to 0.03%.

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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## Dynamics of Relativistic Laser-Plasma Interaction on Solid Targets

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A novel time-resolved diagnostic is used to record the critical surface motion during picosecond-scale relativistic laser interaction with a solid target. Single-shot measurements of the specular light show a redshift decreasing with time during the interaction, corresponding to a slowing-down of the hole boring process into overdense plasma. On-shot full characterization of the laser pulse enables simulations of the experiment without any free parameters. Two-dimensional particle-in-cell simulations yield redshifts that agree with the data, and support a simple explanation of the slowing-down of the critical surface based on momentum conservation between ions and reflected laser light.

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## Evidence for a Phase Transition in Silicate Melt at Extreme Pressure and Temperature Conditions

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Laser-driven shock compression experiments reveal the presence of a phase transition in MgSiO<sub>3</sub> over the pressure-temperature range 300–400 GPa and 10,000–16,000 K, with a positive Clapeyron slope and a volume change of  $-6.3 (\pm 2.0)$  percent. The observations are most readily interpreted as an abrupt liquid-liquid transition in a silicate composition representative of terrestrial planetary mantles, implying potentially significant consequences for the thermal-chemical evolution of extrasolar planetary interiors. In addition, the present results extend the Hugoniot equation of state of MgSiO<sub>3</sub> single crystal and glass to 950 GPa.

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## Laser light to fast electrons in cone-guided fast ignition

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We used to investigate the energy coupling efficiency of laser light to fast electrons in a plasma. We present experimental and simulation results demonstrating the active placing the cone in a surrounding high density plasma as well as the

## Phase Transformations and Metallization of Magnesium Oxide at High Pressure and Temperature

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Magnesium oxide (MgO) is representative of the rocky materials comprising the mantles of terrestrial planets, such that the prediction of high temperature and pressure effects on the material's properties

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## Orientation and rate dependence in high strain-rate compression of single-crystal silicon

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High strain-rate ( $\dot{\epsilon} \sim 10^6$ – $10^8$  s<sup>-1</sup>) compression of single crystal Si reveals strong orientation- and rate-dependent precursor stresses. At these high compression rates, the peak elastic stress,  $\sigma_{e,peak}$ , for Si [100], [110], and [111] exceeds twice the Hugoniot elastic limit. Near the loading surface, the rate at which Si evolves from uniaxial compression to a three-dimensional relaxed state is exponentially dependent on  $\sigma_{e,peak}$  and independent of initial crystal orientation. At later times, the high elastic wave speed results in a temporal decoupling of the elastic precursor from the main inelastic wave. A rapid high- $\dot{\epsilon}$  increase in the measured elastic stress at the onset of inelastic deformation is consistent with a transition from dislocation flow mediated by thermal activation to a phonon drag regime.

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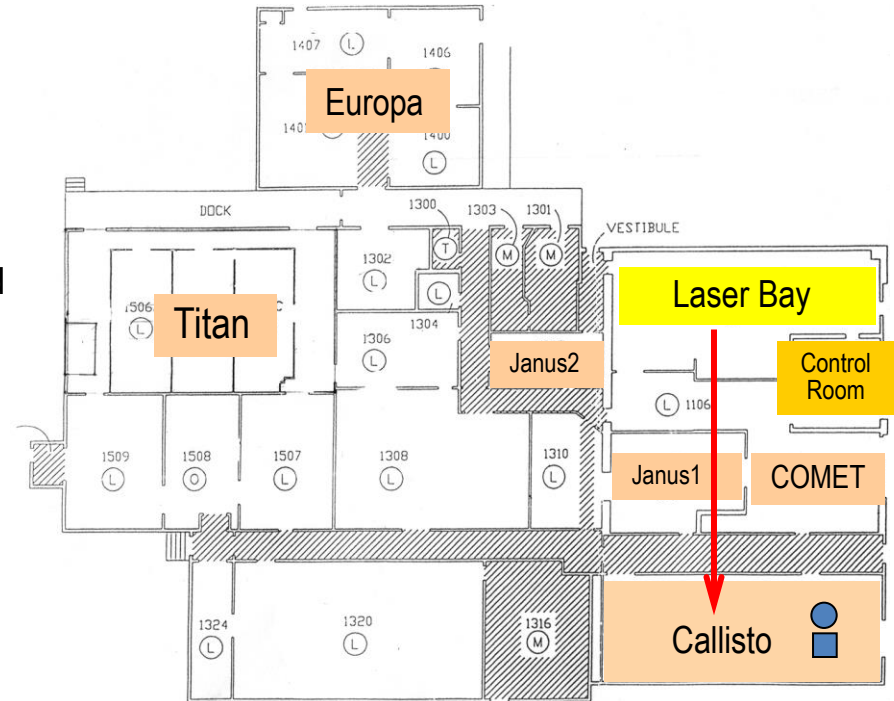
# A few realities

- The number of JLF users – ~500 – is comparable to the number of LLE/OMEGA users
- JLF Technical Review committee turns down half or more of JLF proposals
- The JLF budget has been flat or down for 6 straight years and improvement requests have not had institutional priority
- Reduced number of shot-weeks, conservatism WRT laser parameters limit damage to expensive components, consolidation of target areas



# What happened on 18 December 2008?

- A high-energy ( $> 100$  J) beam was propagated from the Laser Bay to the Callisto Target Area while personnel were in the room
- By procedure the room should have been evacuated before shot.
- Miscommunication led to the mishap
  - Shot countdown paused
  - Target Area called for restart
  - Control Room resumed countdown
  - Staff attempted to break interlock (too late)
- No one was injured; PPE was in use
- Laser energy absorbed by a diode placed in the beampath to monitor low-level beam (diode was on an enclosed optical table in the Callisto TA)
- RI was present. Work was paused. Communication was “fixed” by adding a verbal evacuation confirmation and the shooting continued.



**In Callisto the 100-J beam is used to pump final amplifiers of the tabletop laser located in the room; that laser fires into a chamber.**



# Lessons learned

- Staff was driven by need to serve and accomplish; productivity vs. deliberateness was not in same balance as similar facilities: highly dedicated but too focused on results (shots); bending over backward to be flexible; lack of appropriate hardware backing up administrative controls.
- Any facility that operates and evolves over a length of time should periodically do a Full Stop. For JLF the period is about one year; the length of the Stop should be about a week. Opportunity to *reassess in depth* without the “distraction” of users or even operations, clean up. All workers participate. This is an element of the ISSM - Feedback - and is a feature of yearly JLF schedules
- Stop Work policy, in particular what to do after a Stop Work, should be addressed

Users are safe in the JLF

- They are trained, but JLF staff now has more oversight responsibility

# Report recommendations and Action Plan responses

Overview Recommendation	Action Plan
Review JLF for Extent of Condition	✓ Even though recommendation was specific to Callisto, same conditions pertain in Laser Bay and all TAs except Europa
Review/communicate Stop Work policy	✓ Review ES&H Manual Section 2.1 with staff and with users

Hardware Recommendation	Action Plan
Install engineering controls outside Callisto	✓ Install keyed permissives (key-enable boxes) outside main door in LB and all TAs
Install sweep buttons inside Callisto	✓ Install sweep buttons on all access doors inside LB and all TAs; time-synch to key boxes
Evaluate interlock system in Callisto	✓ Modify interlock shutter so that “crowbar” time reduced from 2 seconds to 100-ms
Evaluate legacy interlocks/displays in Callisto	✓ Remove legacy interlocks/displays throughout B174
Review JLF safety interlock system	✓ Review safety interlock system; test all components
Revise recorded message system	✓ Reprogram recorded messages; synch with control system

# Report recommendations and Action Plan responses

## Conduct of Ops Recommendations

## Action Plan

Establish formal sweep procedures



Define, document, and communicate sweep procedures specific to LB and all TAs

Formalize roles & responsibilities



- Mandate single-POC regarding shot sequence communications
- POC is Key Holder (KH) and is responsible for sweep
- Define key checkout procedure for KH
- Document training

Better documentation



- New/modified procedures incorporated in existing IWS as a document with proper change control; remove case-by-case issues by writing platform-specific IWSs and distinct cross-platform IWSs
- Document OJT for CR personnel

Revise shot communications



Shot readiness “scripts” with confirmation repeats

## Communications to users:

- Briefings (informal) and emails (formal)
- “Read and sign” on modified IWS with new procedures
- Mandatory experimenter attendance at Plan-of-the Day meetings
- Mandatory Readiness Review meetings
- Modified new-user Policy Briefing



# Questions?



The banner features a blue background with a grid pattern. On the left is a circular logo for the Jupiter Laser Facility, which includes a stylized planet with the number '24' and lists 'Janus • Titan • Callisto • Europa • COMET'. Below the logo is the text 'Physical Sciences Directorate' and a small 'L' logo. The main title 'Jupiter Laser Facility' is in large white letters. Below the title, two researchers in lab coats are working with equipment. On the right, there is a close-up of a laser component. A quote in italics reads: 'Supporting the broad community of High Energy Density researchers.'

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- **Extra slides about HED science at the JLF follow.**



# Jupiter is a multi-platform facility for high energy-density (HED) science

Goal	Metric	
Broad participation by LLNL researchers	Growth in LLNL user base	Users up 200% in 4 years
Expanded HED community	Growth in non-LLNL user base and expanding diversity of user institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Users up 275% in 4 years</li> <li>- 56 universities</li> <li>- 20 institutes</li> </ul>
Front-rank HED science	Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ~24 journal publications/year</li> <li>- ~4 PRL/Science pubs/year</li> </ul>
Staging of expts to larger facilities	Evidence of those expts at NIF, $\Omega$ , <i>etc.</i>	XRTS, $e^+$ beams, ramp and Hugoniot EOS, FI, NLTE
Development of novel HED diagnostics	Implementation of diagnostics at NIF, $\Omega$ , <i>etc.</i>	2D VISAR, p+ radiography, fast detectors, x-ray sources
Training of young researchers	Growth in number of students, number of PhDs using JLF, and awards associated with JLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 117 student users</li> <li>- 2 young researcher awards</li> <li>- 8 PhDs per year</li> </ul>
Pipeline into LLNL	Number of students hired by LLNL	Since 2009, 14 of 32 PhDs hired at LLNL

# CY2014 experiments will investigate a number of HED areas

## Janus

- Measurements of diffraction in dynamically compressed metals
- Measurement of high-pressure shear modulus of metals
- Shock-induced chemistry
- Evolution of shocks in solids
- Phase transitions in metals and geophysical materials
- Generation and amplification of magnetic fields in shocked atmospheres

## Titan

- Electron beam generation and broadband x-ray source development
- Stopping power, structure factor, and conductivity measurements in warm dense matter
- MeV particle acceleration using shocks and multiple pulse techniques
- Magnetic confinement of positrons
- Hot electron generation and control
- Characterization of magnetic fields in laser plasmas